

September and lives in Japan, where he trains U.S. soldiers in field exercises. And following Ms. Yue's tragic passing, I traveled to Atlanta with several of my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to pay my respects. I was honored to meet Robert and discuss the wonderful life his mother lived. After speaking with Robert, I was pleased to invite him as my virtual guest to President Biden's first address to a joint session of Congress. It has been a privilege to hear Elliott and Robert tell their mother's story and elevate the concerns that so many in the AAPI community have.

Yong Ae Yue's life was the embodiment of the American dream. She came to the United States with a determination to work hard and raise a family, and she passed along her strength and selflessness to her children and grandchildren. My thoughts are with Ms. Yue's family and the many other families grieving from this tragic event.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL JACOBS

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the remarkable life story of an American hero, Captain Paul Jacobs who passed away this past December. Captain Paul Jacobs served six combat tours in Vietnam, though it was his last tour that forever enshrined him as leading one of the U.S. Navy's greatest humanitarian efforts.

As U.S. forces began withdrawing from South Vietnam in late April 1975, Captain Jacobs was then commanding the destroyer escort USS *Kirk* off the coast of Vietnam. To escape being captured by Communist North Vietnamese forces, South Vietnam helicopters loaded with refugees swarmed out toward the U.S. fleet. After hearing rumors that any South Vietnamese pilot captured by the North Vietnamese would be tortured, mutilated, and imprisoned, while their families would be made outcasts or worse, they fled desperately trying to escape that fate.

Upon realizing this, Captain Jacobs offered his ship as a safe haven for the South Vietnamese refugees. Helicopters began arriving and all hands aboard the *Kirk*—including Captain Jacobs—pushed unloaded helicopters over the side to make room for incoming ones. In all, 12 helicopters, packed with refugees, had landed on one of the Navy's smallest warships. Captain Jacobs then transformed the *Kirk* into a humanitarian aid station, providing food, comfort, medical care, relief from a blazing sun and hope to the men, women and children they'd rescued. It is no exaggeration to credit Captain Jacobs' steadfast leadership in the face of such hardship for saving the lives of those 30,000-plus Vietnamese sailors and refugees.

The United States Navy has a proud tradition of courageous, competent, indefatigable, and independent ship captains, who fear not what lies over the horizon, and who earn the respect and fidelity of their crews through their fair and steadfast leadership. Such will be Captain Paul Jacobs' legacy. In California's Fourth Congressional District and in Captain Jacob's childhood hometown in Maine, we share profound grief over his passing.

And so today, I rise to bid Captain Paul Jacobs—the United States Navy's most revered humanitarian—farewell. May he always have fair winds and following seas.

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MS. ANITA IDICULLA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Ms. Anita Idiculla, who passed away on March 7, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. She was a beloved daughter, sister and aunt and valued community member in West Los Angeles.

Anita was born May 21, 1981, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Drs. Alexander and Anne A. Idiculla. She grew up in Philadelphia until moving to California in 1999 to attend Stanford University. She received her bachelor's degree in 2003 and continued her education in 2004. Anita's career began at Tollin/Robins Productions and she spent several years working at notable companies such as Warner Brothers Entertainment, Inc., and Nickelodeon.

While living in Los Angeles, Anita continued her education at the University of California, Los Angeles' Anderson School of Management and attended the London Business School International Exchange Program before receiving her MBA in 2013. After graduation, Anita joined Mattel Inc. as a Senior Marketing Manager for their Games Global Brand Team. Anita's career was singularly focused on creating content and products that could be enjoyed by children and families alike. She allowed her passion for creativity and tenacity to flow freely which in turn brought joy to her family, friends, and colleagues. Anita's spirit and aspirations were limitless, and from an early age, it was clear that she could achieve any goal she set her mind to. Her family and friends were her entire world, and her love of being a kid at heart never faded away.

She was an active member of Bel-Air Presbyterian Church and dedicated years of service to the church's youth programs. Anita was a voracious reader and co-founded a literary society in 2007. She was an avid pop culture aficionado, karaoke legend, and a genius meme creator. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and loved animals, with her favorites being unicorns and kittens. Anita spent every moment she could attending live music concerts and traveling the world. She was loved by so many people and touched so many lives with her thoughtful spirit and caring heart. Anita's smile was infectious, and her loss will be felt by her friends, family, and the many communities she has affected.

Anita is reunited for eternity with her father Dr. Alexander Idiculla who passed away in 1982. She is survived by her mother, Anne; brothers, Rajiv and Anil; sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Loughran) and nephews, Alexander and Kellan. May her many contributions to her community, family and friends live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on May 13, 2021, I was unable to vote for H.R. 2877, the Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2877.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF C.T. MARTIN

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Emeritus C.T. Martin, known as the 'Dean' of the Atlanta City Council, who passed away at the age of 84. For nearly 30 years, he served Atlanta's District 10 with distinction on the Atlanta City Council, uplifting the voices of the Southwest Atlanta community. Throughout his life, Mr. Martin was a fearless leader for justice and steadfast ally for marginalized communities. He served as Congressman John Lewis' first campaign manager and played a vital role in advancing equality and justice for all Georgians. He was a dedicated member of Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church, and is survived by his four children and five grandchildren.

An Atlanta native, Mr. Martin was dedicated to giving back to his community from an early age. He attended Booker T. Washington High School and began his community activism as a member of the N.A.A.C.P., registering people to vote. After graduating from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Science degree with plans to become an educator, he attended Atlanta University where he earned a Master of Science degree and afterwards followed his calling for public service.

A graduate of Leadership Atlanta, Mr. Martin had affiliations with numerous service organizations. In 1972, he received a presidential appointment from the White House Domestic Policy Council. For more than 20 years, he served the National Scholarship Service for Negro Students and influenced college minority recruitment policy nationwide. During his public service career, he received over 350 community service awards for outstanding service.

A strong believer in sharing the wealth of his successes with the community, Mr. Martin was dedicated to bringing the voices of African Americans to the forefront of leadership in this country. As a civil rights foot soldier himself, Mr. Martin worked alongside Congressman John Lewis in his first run for Congress and mentored many rising Black leaders from Georgia, including his successor, City Councilwoman Andrea Boone.

Elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1990, Mr. Martin was dedicated to improving the lives of ALL Georgians. He was a strong advocate for education, social services, senior citizen protection, voter rights, neighborhood preservation, and private enterprise. He fought

tirelessly to restore our neighborhoods and provide economic opportunity in our communities.

Early on in his service on Atlanta City Council, Mr. Martin was appointed by Mayor Bill Campbell to the Atlanta City Budget Commission. In 1994, he was selected by the Labor Coalition to travel to South Africa to work for political education following the release of Nelson Mandela. During his second and third terms in office, he held three key chairmanships—Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation.

Mr. Martin was a bold visionary for the people, spearheading projects such as the construction of the Adamsville Natatorium and Community Center that completely transformed the area and provided resources to our most marginalized communities. He created the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Merchants Association, an initiative to foster economic opportunities and growth for Atlanta's District 10 and served on the Missing and Murdered Children Task Force. Mr. Martin was also a board member for the West End Medical Center and chairman of the City of Atlanta Employee Credit Union Board.

His off-term work included serving as a consultant on political campaigns and spearheading strategic planning activity and youth programming. He was elected by Georgia's Democratic Party to serve as a delegate to elect the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the Democratic National Convention in 2008 and 2012.

Atlanta has lost one of its greatest native sons. On a personal level, I was proud to have earned his support, guidance, and endorsement in my first campaign for public office. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this time. The entire city of Atlanta owes a debt of gratitude to C.T. Martin that we could never repay. May his memory serve as a guiding light for future generations of leaders in the fight for full equality.

On behalf of Georgia's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and legacy of Councilman C.T. Martin, and his incredible contributions to the Atlanta community.

HONORING OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
FARRAR

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, there is no greater love than to lay one's life down for another.

Officer Christopher Farrar of Chandler, Arizona exemplified that love when he was killed in the line of duty on April 30th of this year. Officer Farrar gave his life on behalf of his community and indeed, the entire State of Arizona. By all accounts he was a great police officer who served his community every day.

He leaves behind a grieving family and his fellow officers of the Chandler Police Department. I thank his family and loved ones for their sacrifices and his. Our prayers are with you.

We also join in prayer for Officer Rico Aranda, of the Gilbert, Arizona Police Depart-

ment who, alongside Officer Farrar, put his life on the line while responding to the same call on April 30. Although he was critically wounded, he was fortunate enough to survive the attempt on his life. We express our hope for a speedy and complete recovery for Officer Farrar.

Both these men and their families will remain in our hearts.

Serving in law enforcement takes a special kind of person. One who leaves the house each day knowing he may not return. Police officers all across this country have been vilified over the last year but I challenge you, Madame Speaker, to find a group of individuals more noble, more selfless, and more interested in serving their fellowman than police officers.

Instead of the hyper-critique they have received of recent times, they deserve the praise and admiration of this body. Police officers routinely face grave threats with great courage.

Madam Speaker, over the last year we have seen Liberal organizations and leftist cities call for the defunding of our police. I urge elected officials and the American public to support those who keep our communities safe. Let's increase our respect to our police force. Let's increase our gratitude by giving a positive comment, a helping hand, or saying a prayer when you see those flashing red and blue lights on the way to an emergency.

I am grateful to be participating in National Police Week so I may pay homage to the brave men and women who run towards danger when most retreat. We may never know the pressure and the courage it takes to wear the badge and don the uniform, but we can always show the respect and honor our police officers deserve.

To those officers who demonstrated the greater love by making the greatest sacrifice we say, "Thank you." We offer our grateful support to those they left behind.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD SISCO,
SERVICE TO AMERICA MEDAL FI-
NALIST FROM MARYLAND'S
FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent more than 62,000 federal employees in Maryland's Fifth District and to have long been an advocate for recognizing and celebrating the many contributions that federal civilian workers make to our country. That's why I am always very excited to participate in marking Public Service Recognition Week, which is held each May. It is a moment to thank federal employees for their patriotism, their service, and the many essential roles they play in creating and delivering opportunities for the American people.

Each year, the Partnership for Public Service reviews hundreds of nominations submitted by federal workers and the Americans they serve of outstanding federal civilian employees for recognition in a number of categories. During Public Service Recognition Week, the organization unveils the list of finalists in each category, and it has named twen-

ty-nine finalists this year. The winners, including Federal Employee of the Year, will be announced in the autumn. These Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, named in memory of the founder of the Partnership for Public Service and a champion for those serving in government, are affectionately known as the 'Sammies,' and they are considered to be the government-service equivalent of the Academy Awards.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that one of this year's finalists in the 'Emerging Leaders' category is Edward Sisco from Maryland's Fifth District. A research chemist at the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Ed has already made an enormous impact even at only thirty-two years old. He developed a novel procedure for testing potentially toxic substances faster than thought possible, which has yielded tremendous benefits in forensic analysis and protection for law enforcement and forensic chemists testing drugs seized in raids. The Thermal Desorption Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry (TD-DART-MS) technique that he pioneered is already being deployed and is having a major impact on criminal justice and laboratory safety.

Ed and many of his colleagues at NIST are among the thousands of outstanding federal employees who call Maryland's Fifth District home, and I am proud to join in recognizing his work and his being chosen as a Service to America Medal finalist. I wish him all the best of luck in the competition, and I look forward to learning the winners in his category and all the others, as well as Federal Employee of the Year, this fall. While these awards recognize special contributions to our country that go above and beyond, I hope all of us who serve in the House will remember the contributions and hard work that 2.1 million federal employees perform every day in every state and in single one of our districts. Each and every one of them deserves our recognition and our gratitude.

HONORING TOMS RIVER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT NO. 1 ON ITS 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Toms River Fire Department No. 1 on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

Beginning in 1896, the Toms River Fire Department was founded with no budget or fire hydrant. Within two years, the town's running water became operational and the Fire Department was granted a \$500 budget. Soon, when there was a fire, the firefighters were able to hook their hoses to Toms River's one hydrant and push a hose cart across town to fight a fire. Through the Toms River Fire Department's work, they protected the residents of Toms River and saved countless lives.

While the technology and tools available to the Toms River Fire Department have changed drastically in the past century and firetrucks have thankfully replaced fire carts, the mission and the work ethic of the Toms River Fire Department have not. For the past